State/UT	Allocation (in MTs)
Jammu & Kashmir	72,444
Jharkhand	2,11,175
Karnataka	4,61,478
Kerala	2,11,033
Lakshadweep	795
Madhya Pradesh	4,76,691
Maharashtra	12,53,530
Manipur	19,907
Meghalaya	20,401
Mizoram	6,217
Nagaland	13,012
Orissa	3,07,295
Pondicherry	12,058
Punjab	2,32,813
Rajasthan	3,96,500
Sikkim	5,433
Tamil Nadu	5,45,297
Tripura	30,093
Uttar Pradesh	12,11,485
Uttaranchal	85,959
West Bengal	7,48,228
TOTAL:	89,91,054

Collaboration of coal gasification

2265. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI:
SHRI KARNENDU BHATTACHARJEE:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that an MoU was signed with Russian Skochinsky Institute of Mines for technical collaboration to turn coal into gas;

(b) if so, what are the coal-mines in different States which will be used for gasification technology;

(c). what quantum of gas is expected to be achieved;

(d) by when the gas from coal is likely to be available for the use of the country; and

(e) whether necessary infrastructure is available for the process?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) (Oil and Natural Gas Corporation Ltd. (ONGC) have signed an Agreement of Collaboration (AoC) with the Skochinsky Institute of Mining-National Mining Research Centre (SIM-NMRC), Moscow, on 25.11.2004 for Underground Coal Gasification (UCG).

The AoC envisages cooperation in the following areas:

* Sharing technical know-how and technologies related to UCG
* Development and application of expertise in UCG technologies.
* Establishing technical feasibility through field demonstrations for different geological, hydrological and environmental conditions.
* Establishing the commercial feasibility of the process through a pilot project.

The AoC having been signed, the areas for undertaking UCG pilot projects would be firmed up in consultation with the SIM-NMRC.

(c) and (d) This will depend on the outcome of the pilot project.

(e) The collaboration with the Russian Institute envisages providing technology to build up appropriate infrastructure suitable for UCG, which could be firmed up once the pilot project is proved successful.

Gas reserves in Rajasthan

†2266. SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether gas reserves have been found in Barmer and Jaisalmer

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.